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Former LA County Sheriff's Deputy Pleads in Ticket-Fixing Bribery Case

A former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy pleaded no contest today to conspiracy to obstruct justice for receiving bribes in exchange for fixing traffic tickets, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Edwin Allan Tamayo, 43, is scheduled to return to Department 31 on Oct. 8 for sentencing in case BA425745.

Deputy District Attorney Deborah Delport of the Justice System Integrity Division prosecuted the case.

Tamayo, who was assigned to the Lost Hills Station before he resigned as a deputy on Aug. 19, managed to fix tickets by removing them before they were filed in court and took court notices from a colleague's office mailbox without the deputy's knowledge.

Delport said that he was compensated by friends or acquaintances for his covert actions on at least two occasions. In one instance, Tamayo was paid at least \$1,000 by a driver to get rid of three tickets in 2012.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau.

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